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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER THE ~~DEFENSE~~ CONTRACT MANAGEMENT
C O M M A N D

FROM: SAF/AQ
1060 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1060

SUBJECT: Adoption of Common processes at Contractor Facilities (Your Memo. Same Subject, dated 11 Dec 95)

Per your request I am pleased to clarify Air Force support of contractor requests to transition from MIL-Q-9858A to ISO 9001 or 9002. Amendment 3, which made MIL-Q-9858A inactive for new design, specifically identified ISO as an alternative in paragraph 3 (Atch 1). Where DCMC is the cognizant contract administration office on an Air Force contract you are also the appropriate government representative to evaluate a contractor's quality management system in a facility and to approve a contractor's request to substitute the requirements of ISO 9001, ISO 9002, ANSI/ASQC Q9001 or ANSI/ASQC Q9002, or another quality system, for MIL-Q-9858A. Similar contractor requests and DCMC actions are acceptable for MIL-I-45208A, which is also slated for cancellation in October 1996 along with MIL-Q-9858A.

Thank you for your continued support of this important common processes initiative. Your direction to DCMC field offices to bring together key customer and contractor representatives creates the right framework for change. I am committed to a smooth transition to common processes and commercial standards at contractor facilities. My point of contact is Mr. Ryan Bradley, SAF/AQXM, DSN 225-4980 or (703) 695-4980.

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Attachment:
MIL-Q-9858A, Amend. 3, dated 5 Sep 95

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MILITARY SPECIFICATION
QUALITY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

<p>Inactive for new design after 5 September 1995. For new design use ISO 9001, ISO 9002, ANSI/ASQC Q9001, ANSI/ASQC Q 9002 or a comparable higher-level non-government quality system.</p>

This amendment forms apart of MIL-Q-9858A dated 16 December 1963 and is approved for use by all Departments and Agencies of the Department of Defense. MIL-Q-9858A is inactive for new design and is no longer used, except for replacement purposes. It will be canceled in October 1996. Certification or registration of a contractor's quality system or program is not required by the Department of Defense if ISO or ANSI/ASQC standards are used.

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* 1.5: Delete end substitute:

“1.5 Relation to Other Quality System Standards. Use of quality program or system standards and the related practices needs to be flexible, efficient and effective. The intent is to improve process capability, process control end product quality to lower cost while allowing a single quality system in a contractor facility. ISO 9001 and ANSI/ASQC Q9001 are alternative model quality system requirements to this specification for design, development production installation and servicing. ISO9002 and ANSI/ASQC Q9002 are alternative model quality system requirements to this specification for production, installation and servicing. Subject to government approval, the contractor may request to substitute the requirements of ISO 9001, ISO 9002, ANSI/ASQC Q9001 or ANSI/ASQC Q9002, or another quality system for the requirements of this specification.”

* 2.1, lines 9 end 10: Delete “MIL-C-45662 -- Calibration System Requirements”,

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* 4.2, lines 13 to 15: Delete “The calibration of measuring and testing equipment shall be in conformity with military specification MIL-C-45662.”

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* 6.6, lines 13 to 19: Delete “The contractor may employ sampling inspection in accordance with applicable military standards and sampling plans (e.g., from MIL-STD-105, MIL-STD-414, or Handbooks H 106, 107 and 108). If the contractor uses other sampling plans, they shall be subject to review by the cognizant Government Representative.”

Revise to read: “The contractor may employ sampling inspection subject to review by the cognizant Government Representative.”

NOTE: The margins of this amendment are marked with asterisks to indicate where changes from the previous amendment were made. This was done as a convenience only and the Government assumes no liability whatsoever for any inaccuracies in these notations. Bidders and contractors are cautioned to evaluate the requirements of this document based on the entire content irrespective of the marginal notations and relationship to the last previous amendment.

(Department of Defense activities may obtain copies of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001, ISO 9002, ANSI/ASQC Q9001 or ANSI/ASQC Q9002 from the Standardization Document Order Desk 700 Robbins Avenue, Building 4D, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094. The private sector and other government agencies may purchase copies from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 11 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036 or from the American Society for Quality Control (ASQC), Customer Service Department, P.O. Box 3066, Milwaukee, WI 53201 -3066.)

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